

**Approved Minutes of the OS&R Committee Meeting  
Monday, July 21, 2014, at 7:30 PM  
Town Hall Annex**

**Members in attendance:** Matt Cegelis (MC), Stephanie Cunningham (SC), Lawrence Neal (LN), Peter Van Demark (PV), Ted Tarr (TT),

**Members absent:** None

**Guest in attendance:** None

**7:40PM Meeting called to order**

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made by LN and seconded by PV to approve the June 16, 2014 meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed on a 5/0 vote.

**Open Discussion:**

(LN) Discussed his attending of the Dogtown Conference and Exhibit prep meeting in Gloucester. The conference will be held on October 25, 2014 at the Cape Ann Museum. It will cover many of the materials available on Dogtown which include, maps, Natural history, descriptive history as a municipal property, and the lands inspiration for artist and writers. A vision of the possible futures of the land and will offer by the group. There appears to be opportunities to receive grant money to manage and maintain the land if the application as a historic site is completed and accepted. The work to do that would be considerable. One of the first steps in doing that work is to specifically agreeing on where the boundaries of the Dogtown area are. They are likely greater than just the original settlement, but exactly where it ends is conjecture and easily debatable. It is not clear if any the Dogtown area is in Rockport. The Gloucester group is considering applying for CPA money to fund the hiring of people to fill out the application.

The group is using Mass Cultural Resource Information Systems (MCRIS) web site to review Dogtown report. Report can found under Gloucester. This web site has an large amount of information on it and would seem to be an excellent resource for anything historic done in the town.

Next prep meeting 11AM Tuesday August 26 at the Cape Ann museum

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**Land Protection Activities:**

MC suggested there may a more descriptive name for the Steve Johnson property. He will forward suggestions to Conservation Agent and request ConCom considers naming.

**OSR Plan Review:**

PV continues editing work to complete updates. This includes Section's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (parcels of interest will be reviewed by committee), 6, and 7

The committee started the parcel by parcel review of the lands of interest for protection that are listed in the Open Space and recreation report. At this meeting we stopped in table 5A3 with parcel 20-17.

**GIS and Trail Mapping:**

More detailed trail data tracking work is continuing by MC and PV. We seem to have a good working system for this that capture all information while respecting land owners rights of private property.

MC has developed a written plan for Rockport trail Mapping Project he handed out to committee.

**Next Actions on OSR Plan:**

Next meeting will be in the Town Hall Annex with the use of the projector for display of PV available maps to continue review updating of Section 5A Private Parcels.

**Future Meeting Dates and Topics:**

Next meeting: 18 Aug 2014 continue Projection and Discussion of Section 5A Private parcels at Town Hall Annex

**Motion to Adjourn:** 9:30PM LN motioned to adjourn, MC seconded. Vote passed 5/0

These minutes prepared by LN